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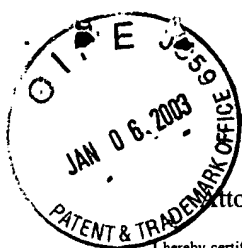
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This Responds to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are now in this case. Claims 1, 13 and 22 are the only independent claims.

Accordingly, if these claims are novel over the cited art then the claims dependent thereon are novel as well for at least the same reasons.

35 U.S.C. §102

In the October 4, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 13 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,301,339 to Staples et al. ("Staples").

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.